

Arizona couple found dead here , double suicide coroner's decision

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An Arizona couple were found dead in their compact car Thursday morning, October 2, at Whitefish Lake State Park, apparently victims of double suicide.

Dead were Theodore and Erna Yost whose last known address was Casa Grande, Arizona.

The bodies were discovered by Charles Warkins, a Fish and Game Dept. parks division employee who had entered the park to load a registration booth on a department truck. A flashing right hand turn signal on the suicide car called his attention to the parked convertible. After investigating the locked car, Warkins proceeded to the Jack England residence and called the Flathead County Sheriff's office.

A note found on the body of Yost indicated that he had been in ill health for about two years and had resigned his job. The note explained that they had sold their house for cash and had given their household goods and some money to charity. The car was listed in the note as the couple's only remaining asset and it was explained that Yost's health was not improved.

A driver's license in Yost's pocket listed his age as 47. Mrs. Yost's age was determined to be 42.

A key to a Whitefish motel, also in Yost's pocket, led investigators to the couple's personal belongings and the informa-

tion that they had been in Whitefish since Sept. 9.

Flathead County Sheriff Ross Wilson said all avenues of investigation have been exhausted in trying to find next of kin and that the matter has been turned over to the Public Administrator's office.

When discovered, the car was

still running with three sections of new garden hose taped into the exhaust pipe, run through the car's trunk and into the passenger section under the back seat.

Sheriff-coroner Wilson said no questions existed of the death being suicide by means of carbon monoxide poisoning.

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May Young

Funeral Rites

Announced

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May Young, 80, Polson, died Sunday evening.

Mrs. Young was born August 13, 1889, in Bird Island, Minn., to John and Helen Keltgen. She was educated at St. Mary's Grade School and Bird Island High School.

In 1909 she was married to William Hughs Young at Bird Island and came to Montana. About 11 years ago she was invalided and has been in ill health ever since.

Mrs. Young was preceded in death by a brother, Leroy, in infancy; two sisters; her parents; and two sons, and a daughter.

She is survived by three sons, Merlin of Kalispell, Stanley of Lakeside and Donald of Polson; and two sisters, Mrs. Agnes Schnell of Kalispell and Mrs. Helen Treloar of Inglewood, Calif.; a number of grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Rosary will be recited Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the Waggner & Campbell Chapel. Requiem mass will be celebrated Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the St. Matthew's Catholic Church with the Rev. J. B. Plummer as celebrant. Interment will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Yost Graveside Rites Saturday

Graveside rites for Theodore Yost, 47, and Mrs. Erna Yost, 42, will be conducted in the Demersville Cemetery at 2 p.m. Saturday with Rev. Richard Foss, intern pastor of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Austin Funeral Home. Mr. and Mrs. Yost, died in Whitefish Oct. 2.